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## We Must Have FLOOR SPACE



On which to display the mammoth stock of Spring Clothing which will begin to arrive on February 1st. In order to accomplish this result in the three weeks left us we have decided to let the people have all our

### Winter Weight Clothes

at a slight margin above New York Manufacturer's Cost.

This means Stylish, Hand-Tailored, Elegantly Finished Suits of the Most Desirable Fabrics for Everybody.

There isn't a shop worn or shoddy garment in this store.

By reason of this reduction on this season's clothing every man and youth in Putnam County can

### Start the Year Right

with a new suit and have the satisfaction of knowing that he is as well dressed as the best of them.

In this store are the Clothes you'll see worn today in big cities by men who know what style is—who set the style. The illustrations show some of the advance models—genuine Schloss or Kirschbaum suits; medium length, semi-formfitting, splendid examples of good taste and good fashion.

They are not too extreme and not too staid; you will find them as good style a year from now as today. They are some among our many attractive Clothes—models for gentlemen. Come in and see them all.

Remember, this sale is no closing out of dusty, shop worn garments of antiquated style, but a sale of

### 1906-07 Winter Goods.

There will be no band accompaniment with this sale. We are depending alone on the High Quality of the Goods and the real, substantial reduction in Price at which we offer them.

## FEARNSIDE CLOTHING COMPANY

Palatka, Florida.

### FOR SALE Improved and Unimproved Land In Both City and County.

Henry Strunz,  
Palatka, Florida

Diamond Pins  
Diamond Rings  
Diamond Mounted Watches  
Gold and Gold Filled Watches  
Signet Rings, Signet Pins  
Signet Waist Sets.

A Large Assortment of Holiday Goods. Call and inspect.

SMITH, The Jeweler,  
Palatka, Fla.

Silver Novelties  
Silver Brushes and Mirrors

### A DARING CAPTURE.

Sheriff James Weeks of Clay Co. Captures Desperate Safe Crackers.

Hearing of the capture of the men who dynamited the safe in the bank at Green Cove Springs, Chief of Police Hagan and his brother, ex-Sheriff John W. Hagan, went to Green Cove Tuesday evening to see the men and learn just how their capture was effected.

To the News yesterday Chief Hagan said: "The capture of these four safe crackers by Sheriff James Weeks was one of the most daring acts ever performed by an officer in this state. Sheriff Weeks, with one man, got on the trail of these men and followed it to a point about five miles west of town on the Starke road, when they came upon the robbers lying between two logs. The sheriff and his assistant pulled their guns and called to the men to throw up their hands. But the men were asleep and a second call was necessary. One of the robbers who attempted resistance was promptly shot and then the others obeyed. The men were handcuffed and searched. All were armed with long 38-calibre improved Colts revolvers. The money taken from the bank was all recovered, and the men safely incarcerated in the jail at Green Cove.

"It is probably fortunate for Sheriff Weeks that the men were all asleep. Had they been on watch they could, from their entrenched position behind the logs, have made a desperate and probably successful resistance. I consider this one of the most daring captures on record."

Mr. Hagan says that he saw the men in the jail. They are all of neat appearance, but have the unmistakable criminal look. They are probably the same men who have blown open safes at Jennings, Macclenny and Callahan.

The bank at Green Cove Springs was robbed a little after midnight on Monday. The whole town was awakened by the explosions of which there were two. The safe was blown open and the little bank building demolished. The safe contained some \$1,500 in money and negotiable paper. The money was all recovered.

Miss Hattie Baky is showing an extremely pretty line of "dotted Swiss" lingerie and silk shirtwaists at her store in the Dalton block, and the ladies are invited to call and see the display. There are many patterns to choose from and the prices are very low, considering the high quality of the materials from which the waists are made, together with the rich, stylish finish of trimmings, etc.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 804 Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.  
Notice is hereby given that D. S. Cannon, purchaser of tax certificate No. 484, dated the 4th day of July, A. D. 1898, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

Pt. Blk 12, Francis, section 8, township 10, range 26.  
The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of J. J. Padgett. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 23rd day of February A. D. 1907.

Witness my official signature and seal this 16th day of January A. D. 1907.  
JOSEPH F. FROST,  
Clerk of court Putnam county, Florida.

See Dr. Armstrong, the Jacksonville eye specialist about your eyes. At the Arlington Hotel, Palatka, Feb. 2d.

FOR SALE—Two full-blooded Jersey Heifers, 14 months old. Will be sold at a sacrifice. See S. J. Kennerly, Palatka.

FOR RENT—Two furnished or unfurnished rooms. Inquire corner Oak and Sixth St. 1-4-11

All eye troubles quickly overcome; cross-eyes straightened without operation. See Dr. E. H. Armstrong at the Arlington Hotel, Feb. 2d.

### LATE STATE NEWS.

The fifth annual Ormond-Daytona automobile tournament is now on at that beach and thousands of visitors are present from all parts of the country.

The costliest dining car in the world now runs into St. Augustine. The car was built by the Pullman company for exhibition at the St. Louis exposition.

Over 400 citizens of Daytona and vicinity attended a meeting at the Armory in that town last week to discuss the matter of a division of Volusia county and to organize for a campaign to that end.

A. J. Russ, a New York man employed to manage the roulette wheel in Smith's saloon, St. Augustine, dropped dead on the streets of that city Tuesday. Heart disease.

J. M. Sheeney of Orlando, the United States district attorney for Florida, says that "he alone is responsible for instituting the O'Hara peonage case and that he is willing and proud to assume the responsibility."

The Lake City Chautauqua, of which Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton is the platform manager, will open next Sunday, the 27th inst., and continue until February 8th. There is an interesting program for each day with prominent lectures, musical and other literary features.

The census of Pensacola which has just been completed by the city sanitary inspectors gives a total population to that city of 22,640, an increase of over 30 per cent since the government census in 1900. The population is almost equally divided between the races.

The Florida East Coast Railway, through Vice President and General Manager J. R. Parrott, has generously offered to pay one-fourth the cost of the Ponce de Leon celebration at St. Augustine, transport the state militia free of charge and give reduced rates to visitors.

Jacksonville, Gainesville and other cities in Florida ought to be good. No sooner does one revivalist get through reforming the natives than another begins. In Jacksonville, particularly, the revival seems to be a continuous performance with professional evangelists in the leading role.

The new state board of trade has a department to induce immigration to the state of Florida. For the benefit of that department it may be stated that there are a few more Jews in Russia than are needed and it is possible that the Russian government might assist the Florida board in securing some of them for turpentine and logging operations.

The criminal libel suit instituted by ex-Governor Wm. S. Jennings against Alfred St. Clair-Abrams and K. Taylor, the cartoonist, got on for a hearing in the Jacksonville criminal court next Monday. Very many prominent citizens of the state have been summoned as witnesses, and leading attorneys have been retained on both sides.

The Jacksonville authorities wired Sanford's chief of police to arrest and search a man who was suspected of being a safe blower, and who would get off an A. C. L. train at that place. The Sanford chief did so and wrote back: "I have carried out instructions, but as there was not sufficient evidence among his effects to warrant his detention, he was released. The stranger had only a couple of dynamite sticks, some caps and fuses and a few tools, so was allowed to go his way."

Safe blowers dynamited the safe of the bank at Green Cove Springs shortly after midnight on Monday and got away with the contents, consisting of \$1,500 in cash and negotiable paper. The bank building was wrecked by the force of the explosion. The town was aroused and every effort made to capture the robbers, who could scarce get far away owing to the fact that all avenues of escape were guarded. At noon Sheriff James Weeks with one deputy came upon the safe blowers in the woods five or six miles west of Green Cove Springs, on the Starke road. There were four of them and all happened to be sleeping between two logs. The sheriff captured them and recovered the stolen money. One of the robbers who showed fight was shot through the shoulder.

From New York comes the statement that the Southern Fruit Co., of Jacksonville has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. It is also stated that the creditors do not like the looks of the failure and are ready to throw the whole thing into involuntary bankruptcy. The concern gave its liabilities as \$14,000 and its assets as \$22,000. About \$17,000 of the latter comprise book accounts which will not pay out 50 per cent. It is most likely that the advertising agencies, magazines and other periodicals of general circulation will be struck heavily, as the Southern Fruit Co. since last October has been trying to carry out a system of selling oranges and grapefruit direct to the consumer and its ads have appeared in all the prominent magazines, offering the fruit at \$5 a box delivered to any part of the country.

REV. CARLISLE P. B. MARTIN, LL. D. Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take, I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." Sold by Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

Notice.  
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Selden Express & Ice Company will be held at the office of the company in Palatka, Florida, on Friday, February 8th, 1907, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. GEO. B. SLEDEN, President.

PLEASANT AND MOST EFFECTIVE  
T. J. Chambers, Ed. Vindicator, Liberty, Texas, writes Dec. 25, 1906: "With pleasure and unhesitatingly I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it myself and can cheerfully affirm it is the most effective and best remedy for cough and cold I have ever used." Sold by Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

### F. J. O'HARA ACQUITTED.

Jury Out 15 Minutes, Then Gave Unanimous Verdict.

Frank Clark's Timely Roast.  
The second trial of F. J. O'Hara on a charge of peonage, which has taken up three weeks of time in the United States Court at Jacksonville, came to an end yesterday afternoon. The jury was out but 15 minutes, when it returned with a verdict of acquittal.

The Washington Post in a recent issue says: "Representative Frank Clark of Florida takes exception to the statements of the Attorney General concerning peonage in his state, as expressed in the Post last Tuesday. Discussing this matter, Mr. Clark said he had no personal knowledge of peonage in other portions of the South, but he was certain there were no real facts, so far as Florida was concerned, to justify Mr. Bonaparte in his indignation."

"The Attorney General is quoted," said Mr. Clark, "as saying, 'in Mississippi the victims of these outrages appear to be all negroes, but Assistant Attorney General Russell is now in Florida engaged in prosecuting a number of offenders under the peonage laws who have held white laborers in captivity, and it is said, treated them with great barbarity. The unfortunate appear to be, for the most part, emigrants newly landed and beguiled into the power of their tormentors through shameless falsehoods.'"

"That certainly is an amazing statement to be made by the chief law officer of the government, and it is hard to believe that a lawyer of Mr. Bonaparte's reputed ability would make such a statement for publication. He certainly knows, what every tyro in the profession is supposed to know, viz., that every man charged with crime is presumed to be innocent until the prosecution, by competent evidence, establishes his guilt to the satisfaction of a jury of his peers beyond a reasonable doubt."

"He also knows, or ought to know, that the finding of an indictment by a grand jury is neither the establishment of guilt nor the creation of a presumption of guilt. Yet he refers to these defendants, who have simply been indicted, or accused, as 'offenders under the peonage laws,' and he makes the positive statement, as a matter of fact, that they 'have held white laborers in captivity.'"

"The truth is that the grand jury in the United States court at Jacksonville returned five or six indictments against F. J. O'Hara and his business associates for alleged violations of the peonage laws. These defendants are prominent, honorable citizens of the State of Florida, engaged in the turpentine business, and employing a great deal of labor. They were jointly indicted. Assistant Attorney General Russell consumed several weeks of the time of the court in trying the defendants on one of these indictments, and the jury very promptly returned a verdict of 'not guilty.'"

"He is now engaged in consuming several more weeks of the court's time at an enormous expense to the government, in trying the same defendants on another indictment, but I am informed with substantially the same witnesses and the same state of facts."

"The government witnesses in these so-called peonage cases are, as a rule, RIF-RAFF SCUM FROM THE LARGE CITIES and loafing negroes, and neither class will work. They have found out that they can institute these proceedings and be carried on the government's pay roll as witnesses for quite a while, and get mileage from their alleged homes, which are always some distance from Jacksonville."

"I am perfectly satisfied that there has not been within the State of Florida one single real violation of the peonage laws."

How Clark Received the Gift.  
Broken by ill health and bowed down by disappointment, Clark retired to private life in bitterness of soul and passed his remaining twenty-three years of craggy existence in obscurity and poverty. Friends called attention to Clark's sad condition a few years before he died, and the legislature of Virginia grandiloquently acknowledged his great services and sent him a jeweled sword. The old hero's anger was aroused. "When Virginia needed a sword I gave her one," he exclaimed to the messenger. "She now sends me this toy. I want bread." And he thrust the blade of the costly gift into the ground and broke it at the hilt.

—Lyman Tew Sprague, in "George Roberts Clark and His Conquest of the Middle West," in Outlook Magazine.

The Joke Maker.  
"The way I learned my trade," said the man who makes jokes for a living, "was to take advantage of every little thing that happened to come along. Whenever it might be, sad or gay, serious or merry, I squeezed a joke out of it. At first they were very poor, but after a great deal of labor I found my brand of humor improving. True, I often made my best friends my deadly enemies and turned every man's hand against me on more than one occasion, but at last I triumphed. I won't tell you what my salary is—you may not believe me. But you can take my word for it, young man, that there's money in making jokes."—New York Post.

U. S. Senators Elected.  
The legislatures of several states elected U. S. Senators on Tuesday, among them being Joseph W. Bailey, who was re-elected; Tillman, South Carolina, re-elected; Morgan and Pettus, Alabama, re-elected; Chas. Curtis, republican was elected in Kansas to succeed A. W. Benson; Knute Nelson, Minnesota, re-elected; F. M. Simmons, North Carolina, re-elected; Warren, Wyoming, re-elected; Shelby M. Callom, Illinois; re-elected; and Gamble, South Dakota, re-elected. In Oregon, Fred W. Mulkey, republican of Portland was elected for the short term and Jonathan Bourne, jr., republican of Portland for the long term.

### FOR ORANGE MILLS FLATS.

Dr. E. S. Crill received the following telegram from Congressman Frank Clark yesterday afternoon, which explains itself:

Washington, Jan. 24, 2:40 p. m.  
Hon. E. S. Crill, Palatka.  
We get in River and Harbor Bill \$25,000 for Orange Mills Flats, \$2,000 for Volusia Bar, and a survey of St. Johns River from Jacksonville to Sanford.  
FRANK CLARK.

### FOR GOOD ROADS. New Board of County Commissioners Have The Fever.

That the new board of county commissioners is favorable to good roads is apparent from the following article and interviews in the Gainesville Sun of last Friday:

The good people of Putnam county, who, as a rule are enterprising, are becoming deeply interested in the matter of good roads for their county. With the inauguration of the good roads project between Palatka and Interlachen, a prosperous village eighteen miles west of the county seat, the interest in good roads has waxed warm. This road, which will be constructed at a cost of from \$500 to \$700 a mile, was largely secured through private subscription, \$500 per mile having been subscribed by the citizens along the proposed route, while the county commissioners agreed to pay the balance. Work is already progressing on this road, two miles having been constructed from Interlachen east, and a good force is now at work.

L. C. Stephens of Palatka, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam county, and J. H. Wylie of Interlachen, another good roads advocate who has the work of construction in charge, came to Gainesville to take some notes in reference to road building. These gentlemen were taken by County Commissioner C. C. Pedrick, County Clerk S. H. Wingers and Jesse E. Burtz over the roads adjacent to Gainesville, visiting the West Gainesville road where the county is now at work, and also the North Gainesville road, where city force is engaged.

Messrs. Stephens and Wylie were very much impressed with the hard roads so far constructed in this section, and admitted that they had been benefited by what they had seen.

"What I want to see, and what we will eventually see, is a hard road from Palatka to Gainesville, via Interlachen, Keuka, McMeekin and Hawthorne," remarked Mr. Wylie. "We will complete the road to Palatka, a distance of eighteen miles, when the project will be taken up to build west from Interlachen to Hawthorne, a distance of twelve miles, which is the western boundary of our county. I have been told that you have already about four miles of hard road between Gainesville and Hawthorne, which is a good thing, but we have got to have about twelve or fourteen miles to be completed, which will give us the desired hard roadway between Gainesville and Palatka. It would be a fine thing, in fact the best thing that could happen for the two cities and the intermediate country."

Mr. Stephens was also very enthusiastic. He says Putnam county is going to show the State something in road building within the next five years which will be an example for others to follow. "It took us a long time, but we have got the fever now—and we have got it right," he said. "Look out for Putnam county in the future, for she is in the good roads line."

Messrs. Stephens and Wylie, after having been driven about the city, admired the elegant residences and fine sidewalks and streets. They left on the afternoon train for home.

### Lyric Glee Club Concert.

The first of a series of three entertainments under the management of the Palatka Library Association will be given by the Lyric Glee Club in the Armory next Wednesday evening, January 30th.

The club is composed of Arthur Scott, first tenor, Alvin Jones, second tenor, Roy Bartholomew, baritone, and Tom C. Polk, basso, who compose a quartette of finely blended voices. Besides this quartette, and with the organization is Miss Mary Agnes Doyle, a specialist in Irish dialect and literature, who reads the "Dooly" and other Irish sketches with great ability. Of her Prof. P. M. Pearson, editor of "Talent," says: "Her reading throbs with pulsating life, whether it be with the emotions of sorrow, joy, patriotism or laughter. I have never heard her equal in presenting the best Irish stories."

The Glee club's repertoire is large, consisting of difficult classic selections, humorous and comic songs, which make the audience cry with laughter. And, last of all, the old-time melodies, which never fail to touch the most hard hearted.

Rev. C. B. Becks of Valparaiso, Ind., says: "The best concert of our city in late years was given last night at the Presbyterian church by the Lyric Glee Club. They immediately won the first prize in our hearts and we think also a permanent place in the musical world. We will hear them at every opportunity."

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